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LETTER DATED 20 APRIL 1999 FROM THE CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have been instructed by my Government to inform you that the Republic of Albania has committed serious border incidents on the Yugoslav-Albanian border in a continuous and premeditated way, directly threatening the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the security of the State border.

The most recent incident occurred on 15 April 1999, at 9.15 p.m., when individual fire (7-8 bullets) was opened on the border authorities of the Army of Yugoslavia who secure the State border from the direction of border stone A 2-7 in the area of the border post "Danilo Jaukovic" (border unit of Podgorica) from a distance of about 1,000 metres from the border line. The border authorities of Yugoslavia returned the fire, whereupon armed persons on the Albanian side of the border retreated in the direction of the village of Kusaj in the territory of the Republic of Albania. The incident passed without consequences for the border authorities of the Army of Yugoslavia.

By this act, the Albanian side committed a border incident under article 2, paragraph 1, under "a", "g" and "j" of the agreement between the Governments of the two countries on measures to prevent and solve incidents at the Yugoslav-Albanian border, concluded in Tirana on 27 June 1978. The incident represents a most flagrant form of violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the security of the State border.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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